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SUBJECT: UK NEGATIVE DECISION ON 75-76 UNFDAC

CONTRIBUTION

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1. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE UN DEPT (OATEN) AND HOME OFFICE (TRAIN) CONFIRM BRITISH HAVE DECIDED NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNFDAC IN 1975-76. HMG WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE WITH OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE SUCH AS TRAINING COURSES, WHICH THEY SAY ARE NOTPYUL396#));

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LED FCO TO SEEK ECONOMIES IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING

SOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN FUNDS AND AGENCIES. (FYI:

WE UNDERSTAND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITAR MAY ALSO BE RE-

DUCTION OR SUSPENDED). DECISION ON ECONOMIES MADE AT HIGH

LEVEL IN FCO. WE MADE POINTS PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, TO WHICH

FCO REPLIED THAT DECISION MUCH REGRETTED, BUT IRREVERSI-

BLE FOR THIS YEAR. WE ASKED IF LESSER CONTRIBUTION MIGHT

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BE POSSIBLE, AND WERE TOLD THIS ALTERNATIVE HAD BEEN

EXAMINED BUT REJECTED.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE BRITISH DECISION. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS WORTHWHILE TO MAKE A STRONG EFFORT TO DO SO, IF ONLY TO REINFORCE THOSE WHO WISH TO RESTORE CONTRIBUTION NEXT YEAR. TO DO SO WE SHALL NEED MORE DETAILS ABOUT UNFDAC. WHEN WAS IT ESTABLISHED; WHO ARE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS; WHAT PROJECTS DOES IT UNDERTAKE; WHAT IS RELATIONSHIP TO TURKISH CONTINGENCY FUND, WHAT ARGUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL ELSEWHERE? IF WE CAN SHOW FUND CONTRIBUTES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUR CASE WILL BE STRENGTHENED.

3. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. AS SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THIS MAY ARISE EARLY NEXT WEEK WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 24.

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